(c) to (e) The new genotypes are yet to be tested in All India Coordinated Wheat Improvement Programme in different regions and situations in the country for assessing their suitability and adaptability. Once, their superiority is established, varieties could be identified, released and notified as per normal procedure for their commercial cultivation.

Schemes for fishermen in A.P.

*750. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing any schemes for the benefit of poor fishermen in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of fishermen benefited under each scheme in the State during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) Various schemes such as National Welfare of Fishermen, Fisheries Training and Extension, Development of Marine Fisheries, Development of Freshwater and Coastal Aquaculture and Fishing Harbour Facilities at Major and Minor Ports are implemented in Andhra Pradesh for development of fisheries and for the benefit of fishermen.

(c) In most of the schemes the assistance is provided for creation of infrastructure. However, according to the information received from the State Government 4.21 lakh fishermen have been benefited under the scheme National Welfare of fishermen during last three years.

Diversion of Rail Development Funds

*751. SHRI NX PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the news-items appearing in Malayalam Daily Mathrubhoomi dated 9th April, 2002, that the southern Railway Zonal officials are diverting the funds allocated for the Rail Development, to some other States;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that rupees 90 crore allotted for doubling

of Mangalore-Sharmkir, Angamali-Sabarimala rail lines have been diverted for some other purpose; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor the Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) In the current year Rs. 10 crore is allocated to Angamali-Sabarimala and Rs. 65 crore for Shoranur-Calicut-Mangalore doubling. There is not proposal to divert funds from these projects.

Human Resource Development in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh

†*752. SHRI KAILASH JOSHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes for human resource development being implemented in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh;

(b) the details of NGOs implementing these schemes;

(c) the details of amount allocated and spent, scheme-wise and organisation-wise; and

(d) whether government are aware of diversion of funds allocated; if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken to prevent the same?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (d) The Ministry of Human Resource Development implements various schemes/programmes for human resource development throughout the country including the States of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh. These include Central Schemes, Centrally sponsored Schemes, Schemes implemented through NGOs and Externally Aided Projects. Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), District Primary Education Programme (DPEP), Operation Blackboard (OB), Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme, Rural Women's Development and Empowerment Project are some of the major programmes of the Ministry for Human Resource Development.

Among the major schemes being implemented through NGOs include women's Economic Programme, Short Stay Homes, Education Guarantee

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